

## **Mission**

To provide free legal services to very low income families in Seminole County. Our mission is to provide very low income persons access to the legal system to empower them to become self-sufficient, improve their quality of life, and protect abused spouses, children and vulnerable senior citizens. The organization has been providing these services to the indigent community since 1975. Services are provided with the assistance of staff attorneys, a support staff and a panel of volunteer attorneys and laypersons.

## **Business Strategy**

As of July 2004, per Article V, Legal Aid became a local requirement and funded through the General Fund as mandated in Florida Statute 29.008.

Cases pursued by the Legal Aid Society are of a civil (non-criminal) nature, specifically in the areas of family law, landlord/tenant rights, and guardianship law and elderly law.

In FY 2003, the Legal Aid Society obtained \$302,308 in child support and alimony and \$189,526 in child support arrears for low income families in Seminole County. This income support not only helps the direct recipient but also flows immediately to our local economies, generating income and jobs for working Seminole County residents that would otherwise be lost in our County.

## **Objectives**

Continue to provide free legal assistance and to improve the quality of life for indigent individuals in Seminole County.

<b>Department:</b>		<b>JUDICIAL</b>			<b>Seminole County</b>
<b>Division:</b>		<b>LEGAL AID</b>			
<b>Section:</b>		<b>FY 2004/05</b>			
		2002/03 Actual Expenditures	2003/04 Adopted Budget	2004/05 Tentative Approved Budget	Change between Tentative Approved & Adopted Budget
<b>EXPENDITURES:</b>					
Personal Services		-	-	-	-
Operating Services		298,132	280,000	295,000	12,076
Capital Outlay		-	-	-	-
Debt Service		-	-	-	-
Grants and Aid		-	-	-	-
<b>Subtotal Operating</b>		<b>298,132</b>	<b>280,000</b>	<b>295,000</b>	<b>12,076</b>
Capital Improvements		-	-	-	-
<b>TOTAL EXPENDITURES</b>		<b>298,132</b>	<b>280,000</b>	<b>295,000</b>	<b>12,076</b>
<b>FUNDING SOURCE (S)</b>					
General Fund		298,132	280,000	295,000	12,076
<b>TOTAL FUNDING SOURCE (S)</b>		<b>298,132</b>	<b>280,000</b>	<b>295,000</b>	<b>12,076</b>
Full Time Positions		-	-	-	-
Part-Time Positions		-	-	-	-
<b>New Programs and Highlights for Fiscal Year 2004/05</b>					
<b>Requested Changes</b>					
Increase in 2004/05 Adopted Budget reflects the Article V mandated increase of 3% above the 2002/03 actual expenditures.					
<b>Capital Improvements</b>		<b>2004-05</b>	<b>2005-06</b>	<b>2006-07</b>	<b>2007-08</b>
Total Project Cost		-	-	-	-
Total Operating Impact		-	-	-	-